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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/17/07

SPONSOR Martinez, R LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Northern New Mexico Substance Abuse Programs SB 1021

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$175.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates: HB 1112

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 1021 would appropriate \$175,000 to the Department of Health (DOH) for expenditure in fiscal year 2008 to provide intervention and counseling services and substance abuse education and prevention in the areas of Chimayo and Española. Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of FY08 shall revert to the general fund.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

DOH notes the appropriation in SB 1021 is not part of the Governor's FY08 Executive Budget, and is not on the NM Behavioral Health Collaborative's priority list.

It is possible that some of the individuals who would receive intervention and counseling services under programs funded through SB 1021 would be Medicaid-eligible recipients. If this is the case, any monies used to provide services that are part of the State Medicaid benefit package would be eligible for Federal match. The number of eligible clients and the amount of this impact cannot be readily determined.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DOH notes that SB 1021 does not specify what type of intervention and counseling services would be provided and does not indicate who would be receiving these services. Services of this type, although important to a community dealing with substance abuse, are already funded in the areas designated by this bill through a variety of ongoing DOH substance abuse prevention and treatment initiatives.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The majority of behavioral health funding is overseen by the Interagency Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative (Collaborative) and administered by ValueOptions of New Mexico.

DUPLICATION

SB 1021 duplicates HB 1112, would appropriate \$175,000 to DOH for health, mental health and substance abuse programs in Chimayo and Española.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

DOH notes that if the transfer of Behavioral Health Services Division to HSD is adopted, then the portion of the appropriation to be administered by Division should be directed to HSD, instead of DOH.

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